

### You may be eligible for additional retroactive benefits

## How to qualify and apply for Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation

Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation (MEUC) is a program that could pay you \$100 extra for weeks you claimed between Dec. 27, 2020, and Sept. 4, 2021. MEUC is one of several former federal pandemic unemployment programs. The Employment Security Department is implementing MEUC retroactively.

You are considered a mixed earner if you are using both self-employment and employment to apply for unemployment benefits.

**To qualify, you must:**

- Have had an active unemployment claim between Dec. 27, 2020, and Sept. 4, 2021, that includes weeks from any program except Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) or Training Benefits (TB).
  - Eligible programs include:
    - State Unemployment Insurance (UI).
    - Extended Benefits (EB).
    - Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC).
    - Self-Employment Assistance Program (SEAP).
    - SharedWork.
    - Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA).
- Have earned at least \$5,000 in net self-employment income in the taxable year before you opened a claim for the weeks in the time period listed above.
- Submit documentation verifying the amount of your net self-employment earnings during the taxable year before you opened a claim for the weeks in the time period listed above.
  - Example: Connie filed for unemployment and PEUC during the period between Dec. 27, 2020, and Sept. 4, 2021. She opened her unemployment claim on Nov. 18, 2020. Connie opened her unemployment claim during 2020, so the taxable year for which she needs to submit documentation is 2019.
- Have been eligible for at least \$1 in the weeks you claimed during the time period listed above.

**To apply for MEUC:**

Complete the steps below and return this form and your documentation through the secure upload on our MEUC website. Using the secure upload will enable us to review your information faster and let you know about your eligibility sooner.

### Step 1: Answer these questions

- 1) Did you earn at least \$5,000 in net self-employment income during the taxable year before your unemployment claim? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Do you want to apply for MEUC? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

## Step 2: Provide documentation

Gather proof of your net self-employment earnings. Examples of documents include, but are not limited to, your complete tax returns. Your tax returns should include one or more of the following:

- 1040 – Single filing
- 1040 – Joint filing – you must include your Schedule C, if submitting this document
- 1125-E

- Schedule C
- Schedule F
- W-2
- 1099-Misc
- 1040-SE
- 1065 Schedule K-1

**Submit your application and documents by through the secure upload tool at [esd.wa.gov/meucapply](https://esd.wa.gov/meucapply). You must submit your supporting documents within 30 days of submitting your application.**

We can determine your eligibility faster and contact you sooner if you use the secure upload. However, you can submit your application and documentation by fax or mail if you are unable to use the secure upload.

- Fax your application and documents to **844-395-6711**.
- Mail your application and documents to:  
Employment Security Department  
UI Imaging – Mixed Earners Unemployment Compensation  
PO Box 19019  
Olympia, WA 98507-0019

If we determine that you are eligible for MEUC, you will be paid \$100 for each week you are eligible. After you submit your documentation and we confirm your eligibility, you will not need to do anything else to receive this supplemental benefit.

It's vital that we have your up-to-date address because we will mail your benefits to you in the form of a check if you are eligible for MEUC. Has your mailing address changed since the last time you collected UI, PEUC, EB, TRA, Self-Employment Assistance or SharedWork? If so, please give us your current mailing address below.

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### **Step 3: Read, certify, sign and date**

Answer truthfully. Under the law, an individual commits fraud if they receive MEUC payments that they are not entitled to because they:

- Knowingly made, or caused another person to make, a false statement or representation of a material fact; or
- Knowingly fails, or causes another to fail, to disclose a material fact.

Certification:

I — an MEUC applicant — certify that all the information I have provided on this application and the documents submitted with it are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I have supplied this information in order to obtain Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation. I understand that federal funds are provided, and that, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, I may be subject to prosecution for willfully concealing material facts or knowingly making a false statement to obtain Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation to which I am not entitled.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Important information about MEUC**

- MEUC benefits are considered taxable income and are subject to child support deductions.
- MEUC benefits may affect an individual's eligibility for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The law states that MEUC benefits are considered income for purposes of determining eligibility for these programs and cannot be disregarded when determining an applicant's income.

To learn more about MEUC and how to apply, visit [esd.wa.gov/meuc](https://esd.wa.gov/meuc).